

**WATER IS MUDDY**

Fire Pressure Fills City Mains  
With Dirt Again.

Impossible to Repair Leaks in  
Pipes at This Time.

**SHOULD BE BOILED.**

When River Water Enters Mains  
People Should Beware.

Superintendent Shaw Can See  
No Relief for Few Days.

The city water was in a stormy state last night. This morning the clouds still remained but the thunder and lightning had departed. This afternoon the dark clouds have broken and the sun shines now and then.

In other words the people of the city have had another siege of dirty water to drink and to splash on the face and hands like mud pies. The pipes that were broken at the water plant during the high water and ice gorges have not been repaired on account of the high water and when it is necessary to draw on the broken pipes because of a fire pressure the mains are filled once more with the dirty water.

At the Y. M. C. A. building a number of the young men yesterday took shower baths last night and when they emerged from beneath the shower they looked like boys at the "old swimming hole" with the muddy water dripping down their faces from their hair and the traces of mud balls from head to foot. The old games of "last one out gets muddied" and "wipe the frog to-tacoe from your chin" were repeated.

Another man in town reported to the office this morning that he had tried for two hours to make his two young boys take a bath and when they finally consented and leaped in the tub it took another hour to scrape off the mud.

People Must Wait.

Until the river goes down to normal stage and the water department can get at the well pipes leading down into the dry wells and the points the condition will not be relieved—in case a fire alarm comes in. If there were no fires and it was not necessary to connect the pumps with the wells in the river the water for domestic purposes could be supplied clear and cool. But when the fire alarm comes in the big high pressure pumps get up speed and pull from the river.

The muddy water last night was caused by the two fire alarms that came in yesterday afternoon. If either of the fires had lasted longer the mains would have been in bad shape but luckily neither of them lasted over 20 minutes.

There are from one to twenty wrong impressions of the manner in which the city gets its water. Some people think that normally the plant pumps filtered river water into the mains. Others think that the water from the well must come from the river first. Others think that the pipes broken in the river were simply placed in the stream and the water drawn out in this manner. The rest who do not know give it up and say that they don't know and don't care as long as the people get good healthy water.

How the City Gets Water.

The city water is taken from 41 dry wells which are sunk 30 feet below the surface of the ground into a flow of water under the river. These wells are six and eight inches in diameter and about 12 feet deep. Each pipe sunk in these wells is connected to a "point"—which is a screen of brass into which the water flows by suction from the big pumps.

Some of these wells are out under the stream of the river, but a big majority of them are on the bank and under a big sand bar, which extends out into the river just below a "hip rap." When the river is at its normal stage the wells, with a few exceptions, are all out from under the stream. At this stage of the river all of the wells are out under water.

Some of the pipes leading to the wells are just above the sand in the river and others are about five feet below. It is thought that during the ice gorge in the river a few days ago the ice sprung one of the pipes and made the leak—it is not known just where this leak is.

The water furnished the city is not from a river. The river water and the water from the city wells have been analyzed and it has been found that they are entirely different. The river water is soft and the well water

is hard. The flow into the dry wells comes from the hills in the vicinity and does not seep in from the river above.

Up on the bank of the river, near the water plant, there is a big well, from which the water is being taken now except during a fire. It is not large enough to supply a high pressure pump and can not hold out under such circumstances. Superintendent Shaw of the waterworks department is now drawing up plans for another large well near the present hole. With this well it is hoped that all trouble with the suction pipes and "points" during high water will be done away with.

Under the direction of Superintendent Shaw, men attempted to find the leak Monday, but they were unable to do it. The current in the river is so strong that it was impossible to hold the boats in one place any length of time.

"It is impossible to relieve the situation at this time," said Superintendent Shaw this afternoon. "As long as the river is up we are helpless to make any repairs or find the leak. We have manipulated some of the valves in such a way that we have found just about in what line the leak is, but further than that we have been able to do nothing. It will hold on the theory expressed through the State Journal some time ago—bottle the water. When the water goes down to the normal stage we will make the repairs."

**LANE IS PRESIDENT.**

Washburn Professor at Head of Kansas Chess Players.

The members of the Kansas Chess association are delighted to have in their professional pastime today. The van guard of the association met on the fourth floor of the Central Young Men's Christian association building this morning and they are still in session this afternoon.



Professor Frank H. Lane, New President Kansas Chess Association.

And they will continue in their mysterious meeting until Saturday night when they will grasp life as it really is again and descend upon Mother Earth for another year of business and care.

This is the eighth annual session of the Kansas Chess association. It is the eighth time that the chess experts from all over the state of Kansas have gathered in Topeka to match their brains and skill against each other. The association is composed of some 60 members and every one of them is expected in the city before night.

This morning following the election of officers two games were played by the experts. J. G. B. Finney of Topeka defeated H. W. Moore of the mains and Hale Ellis of Topeka won from O. C. Brett of Humboldt.

The following officers were elected: President—Professor Frank H. Lane, Washburn college, Topeka.

Vice President—H. W. Moore, Topeka.

Secretary-Treasurer—O. C. Brett of Humboldt.

Board of Directors—Frank H. Lane, O. C. Brett, C. B. Hoffman of Enterprise.

Many Inquiries About Library.

The article recently published in the State Journal in regard to the value and effectiveness of the new legislative reference library has resulted already in many applications for information from all sections of the state. This is a public rather than a private reference library, as information is furnished by it upon all public questions worth while. The library at present represents the foundation for a most valuable addition to the public library and its people in their march of progress.

**LIKE A DREAM.**

Commercial Club Contributors  
Given a Surprise.

Checks for \$25 Each Place Cards  
at Dinner Today.

**THE FINAL PAYMENT.**

All the Money Has Now Been  
Returned.

Happy Speeches Made by Those  
at the Feast.

At the Commercial club this noon the new board of directors of the organization entertained at dinner the 25 men who loaned \$100 each which made it possible for the reorganized club to move into the new quarters in the Commerce building. Twenty-five dollar checks served as place cards, and this constituted the last payment on the part of the club towards reimbursing the guests of the hour.

Mr. E. H. Crosby, who had in his possession a check for three cents which was the last dividend paid the Commercial club by the First National bank, proposed that this check be framed and hung on the wall, so that it can never be said that the club is "broke."

The dinner, which was in every way an informal affair, and had been announced by the secretary of the club as "an enthusiasm" dinner, was followed by impromptu talks on the part of a number of the guests.

C. P. Adams was the first to be called upon for a speech and he told briefly how the \$2,500 was raised. "It was an easier task than we imagined that it would be," said he. "Mr. Clark, Mr. Bone and myself were on the committee. Mr. Mills started things and the three secretaries put down their names for a hundred dollars each."

"Then we went to Mr. MacLennan, and he wrote out a check, but when we told him that we would return the money and pay 6 per cent on it he let out a laugh that could be heard as far as Sixth avenue. We went to see Mr. Metzger at the German-American bank and he made some remark about 'cheerful loans'."

Mr. Adams stated that while the 6 per cent interest had not been actually paid back, the guests present possibly would consider the dinner the equivalent of the interest.

Fulfillment of a Dream.

"What I Know About It" was the subject upon which Elton S. Clark made a few remarks. "It is sort of like the fulfillment of a dream today," said Mr. Clark, "to be able to look into your faces and say I told you so."

"I feel that the wonderful success of your membership committee under Mr. Copeland's suggestion that a great measure of the credit for the success of the club, the committee has made it possible to pay back the money." Mr. Bone, who was the first to speak, said that he was the originator of the cafe, spoke on the success of the cafe, was Mr. Bone's suggestion that a cafe be established, and this has been one of the elements in making the club an effective organization during the past year. He said that he had hoped to add luminance to the fortunes made in sugar.

The young couple decided a day or so ago that there was no use in waiting for June to come around. Honey-moon time and June time coincide all the year round, anywhere, no matter what the calendar says, they argued. And what was the use of a church full of people staring at them, when they knew perfectly well that they were quite well satisfied with each other and the good wishes of the whole world could not increase their happiness.

So Miss Case, who decided after coming to San Francisco, that an operative career was not what she wanted, telephoned a dozen or so of her friends last night to come to Calvary church and that later on she and Mr. Bone would take them to a nice little dinner at the St. Francis.

The invitation had about it a spiciness of mystery. Assuredly they would be there, although none of them knew definitely what a meeting at the church had to do with a preliminary to a dinner.

The bride is a Portland girl, who sang in the American church in Paris. Asan is a nephew of former Secretary of the Navy Metcalf and a son of Mrs. I. W. Bean, with whom he has been making his home.

**STILL GOING DOWN.**

Stockyard Prices Lower But Meat Buyers Pay the Same.

New York, Jan. 25.—Fred W. Sebelien, originator of the meat boycott here, and Mayor Baehr discussed the anti-meat agitation and suggested that Senator Burton be asked to head a move to have the congress impose an export tax upon meat.

This plan is supplementary to the petitions having the same aim now being circulated. The petitions will be presented to congress.

Another reduction of ten cents on all live stock. While the price has been going down steadily at the stock yards there has been no lowering of the retail price. Eggs fell off six cents in the local retail market today.

**CAMP'S ALL-AMERICAN TEAM.**

Star Football Players of the Past 20 Years.

New York, Jan. 25.—An all-American football team picked from among all the stars who have graced the gridiron during the past twenty years has been compiled by Walter Camp, Ted Coy and Hamilton Fish, the captains at Yale and Harvard last fall, are the only players of the past season to get places among the old time stars.

Here is Mr. Camp's all-star eleven: Ends—Hinkley, Yale, and Shevlin, Yale.

Tackles—Fish, Harvard, and De Witt, Princeton.

Guards—Hoeffelinger, Yale, and Hare, Pennsylvania.

Center—Schultz, Michigan.

Quarterback—Eckersall, Chicago.

Halfbacks—Weeks, Columbia, and Heston, Michigan.

Fullback—Coy, Yale.

**SHE SLAPS A COP.**

Reply of Girl Picket When Told to "Move On."

Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—A six foot policeman today told a girl shirtwaist striker who was doing picket duty to "move on" and she surprised him by slapping him in the face. This started a disturbance and before it was over six girl strikers were on their way to a police station charged with creating disorder.

Miss Mary McMurtree, a society woman, furnished bail for two of the girls and the other four were discharged.

Railroad Fare Refunded in Whole or Part to Out-of-Town Customers

# Bargain Wednesday

Put Us to the Test--Compare Prices

Save on your merchandise. There is convincing evidence here at all times that we can save you money.

Last call on fleece-lined Dress Goods, about 15 pieces, dark and light patterns—10c and 12½c values. We want to clean up completely. Bargain Wednesday.....

Here is a genuine bargain—2,000 yards—Everett Classic Gingham, mill ends of the regular 15c fabric, plain colors and fancies—the very best colors known in wash goods. Wednesday, yd. 8, 10, 12 and 14 yard pieces.

WHERE THERE'S  
Always  
A Bargain

**SUDDEN WEDDING.**

Prominent Frisco People Surprise Their Friends.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Friends of Miss Mary Adele Case and Willard Metcalf Bean were surprised speechless when their telephones rang and a happy, sweet voice announced that Miss Case and Bean were married at Calvary church. Every one was looking forward to a big wedding in June, and to be cheated out of their anticipations in this way was a decided surprise, to say the least.

The wedding was an "impromptu" affair, the result of a decision by the young couple only a day or so ago.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William Easter. Mr. and Mrs. Bean are living at their home at No. 1787 Hyde street.

The bride, a young musician who attained some vogue as a concert singer upon her arrival from Paris a few months ago, where she had been studying music, was reported to have been engaged to young Claus Spreckels, who was also in Paris, dividing his time between paying assiduous court to Miss Case and trying to decide whether the Spreckels millions could stand the strain of an operative career in the sugar business.

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**TO LIVE CHEAPLY.**

Dr. Harding Points the Way to Every Family.

Back Yard Garden the Solution, She Says.

**SHOULD BE TAUGHT.**

Gardening in the Schools Instead of Dead Languages.

Plans to Interest Children in the Venture.

That a garden in every back yard in Topeka is the easiest method of getting away from the increase in the cost of living is the opinion of Dr. Eva Harding. That children should be taught gardening rather than Latin is also her expressed belief and that school children are taught a great deal which fits them only at the end of their time in local schools for a course in college is her conviction.

To the end that every school attending child of Oakland shall have a knowledge of gardening that exceeds the common knowledge of such things she is now arranging with the Oakland school authorities to supply these children with currant and gooseberry bushes and peach trees. They are to be given as a sort of reward for the interest she feels in the children.

Oakland, however, she says, is not the place where gardening is badly needed. Nearly every family in Oakland has a garden. Topeka needs the gardens. But because of difficulty which would be experienced in putting such a plan into execution he will probably not be tried in this city.

"Think of the saving in dollars and cents if there was a garden in every back yard in Topeka," said Dr. Harding today. "The meat boycott is a protest against the cost of living. Think how much less would be the cost of living if people would only form the habit of eating nice, fresh vegetables from the garden in their back yards."

"I know of one woman who sold \$12 worth of gooseberries off a few bushes in her back yard. The children should be taught gardening the same as any other study. Gardening is taught in all of the old countries. Why not teach it in this country."

**BACK YARDS A MENACE.**

"Back yards are now disease breeding places and that is all. The children run about the streets and the men go up town and look around pictures shows or worse places while their wives stay at home. If the children had a garden in the back yard they would be there, and the men would be there, nine times out of ten, watching or helping in the work."

"The average child now growing up in Topeka knows nothing about gardening. It is not right. What do the children know that is useful when they finish school here? They have been fitted to go to college but that is about all."

"In the east and in the old countries school gardens are maintained and the children are immensely interested in the work of growing vegetables. As a result they are not mischiefs. Instead of being required to write a sketch of the House of Seven Gables would it not be better for a child to bring in a written story of how to properly care for a grapevine planted in the backyard and trained upon the woodshed or the cowshed? It seems to me the knowledge evidenced and obtained in the latter way would be worth more to the child than the knowledge gained by reading the House of Seven Gables."

Mayor Green is intensely interested in the plan suggested by Dr. Harding to increase the interest of children in gardening and horticulture by teaching it in the schools, and is now reading several books explaining various plans for this work. It is likely that he will make some recommendation in the matter later. Others are being interested in the plan and Dr. Harding is hopeful that something will be done to make the teaching of gardening in the schools possible. Meanwhile the Oakland experiment will likely be carried out.

**CHUMOS CASE GOES OVER.**

Continued Pending Action in the Divorce Court.

The case against Con Chumos, the Greek confectioner, set for trial in probate court today on a charge of being a "delinquent parent," has been held in abeyance and continued for 30 days.

The reason for the continuance, as given by Judge Schoch of the probate court, was that nothing could be gained by the trial of the case at this time as the family affairs of Chumos were now in the hands of the district court.

Mrs. Chumos has brought suit for divorce against her husband and Judge Dana of the district court granted a temporary alimony order. Chumos has paid over to his wife the \$250 ordered by the court, and the district court is now waiting for a final order.

The probate courtroom was filled with friends and relatives of Chumos and his wife when the case was called today.

**TO FLY OVER THE OCEAN**

New York, Jan. 25.—A balloon trip across the Atlantic will be undertaken in May. New York and Berlin capital is behind the scheme and the big dirigible for the purpose is now being constructed in Germany. The bag will carry 50,000 cubic feet of gas and will have two 50 horse power motors. It is planned that the bag will start from Berlin on May 15, with Vancouver, B. C., as its ultimate destination.

**Dawson in Hutchinson.**

John Dawson, attorney for the state railroad board, has gone to Hutchinson to gather testimony from the produce men there to help him in his suit against the press companies for lower rates from Kansas southwest.

The suit was started some time ago as the result of the protest of the commission men of the state who complained that the rates from Kansas to Arizona and New Mexico on eggs and poultry are too high.

**Joe Wheelock Is Dead.**

Washington, Jan. 25.—Word was received today of the death of Joseph Wheelock, Jr., the actor in Phoenix, Ariz. Following an operation five years ago, Wheelock went to Arizona for his health and remained there.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Newell are the parents of a boy born this morning.

One table Wool Dress Goods—an after invoice clean up—values up to 75c yd—light and dark styles—

For Wednesday.....

Long Hip Corsets for.....

Supporters attached, a splendid model for the price, its a correct copy of the high price corsets made of fine grade coutil.

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6 lbs. Buckwheat Flour	.25c
3 pkgs. Pancake Flour	.25c
Vermont Pure Maple Syrup, per quart	.45c
Mapeline, 2-oz. bottle	.35c
Horse Shoe Tobacco, lb.	.43c
Soda Arm & Hammer, 10c pkg.	.6c
Argo Starch, 5c pkg.	.4c
Preserves, pure goods, quart jar	.30c
Sweet Potatoes, fancy pk.	.20c
White Rose Soap, large bars, 10 for	.25c
Rice, Japan, 4 lbs.	.25c
Prunes, sweet and fresh, 3 lbs.	.25c
Quaker Oats, family size	.25c
Mince Meat, best, 3 pkgs.	.25c
White Lily Flour, 50 lb. sack	\$1.50
Coal Oil, best, per gallon	.10c
Bread, Weston, large loaf	.10c
Candy, fancy mixed, lb.	.10c

**24 pounds Sugar, \$1.00**

With \$5.00 Order

## MEATS

Pure Hog Lard, pound,	16c
Shoulder Roast or Boil of Beef, pound,	9c
Pork Steak and Pork Chops, lb.	15c
Oysters, fresh, solid goods, pint	25c
Wolf's Link Sausage, 2 lbs.	25c
B. Bacon, by the side, lb.	30c
Bolled Ham, sliced, lb.	30c
Compound Lard, lb.	12½c
Armour's 'Siron Pure' Lard, 50 lb. pail	12½c
10 pail	\$1.90
Hamburg Steak, lb.	10c
Corn Beef, 'Special', lb.	9c
Fancy Boiling Beef, lb.	35c
Butterine, 2 lbs.	35c
Mackerel, each	35c
Smoked Halibut, lb.	35c
Smoked Herring, 'boned', lb.	25c
Round Steak, 2 lbs.	15c
Sausage, (our own make), lb.	15c